and also attribute improper conduct on the part of the staff of the Secretariat of this House and therefore, tend to impair their integrity and impede them in the performance of their delicate duties as they have to render assistance to all Members, irrespective of their party affiliations in accordance with the parliamentary procedure and practice.

Such written imputations which concern the character and conduct of some Members and the Secretariat of this House are a serious breach of privilege without perhaps being libel at common law. I, therefore, rule that there is a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege. But inasmuch as the matter has been raised and referred to the Committee of Privileges of the other House, further action in this regard may be deferred for the present.

III—PRESENTATION OF THE TWELFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR : Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in presenting the twelfth report of the Committee on Government Assurances. In doing so, I should like to state how much we have appreciated the efforts of the Leader of the House in trying to see that satisfactory replies are given for many of the items that were kept pending from as long ago as 1956–57. Hon. Members will see from the Appendices that most of these items have been answered. In a few cases a complete answer was given and the Committee asked for no other information. Still there are a few cases and the Committee notes with regret that some of these date as far back as 1959 and 1960, that action had been taken between 1960 and 1962, and that the concerned departments communicated the information to the Committee only in 1963, making it possible that all these things could have been done earlier and delay could have been avoided. The Committee, therefore, hopes that in future when any of these assurances are departmentally settled, the communication will be sent to the Council Secretariat. In regard to a few items which are still kept pending, I hope that before the next meeting of the Committee the necessary answers will be given. I present the Report, Sir.

IV—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN : We will now continue the discussion on the Governor's Address.

* SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Mr. Chairman, Sir, it was a proud privilege for us to be present the other day to listen to the esteemed address of the Governor of Madras. It was a matter of particular joy for teacher representatives like me to be on the legislature and to be given the privilege of listening to the Governor's Address and taking part in the discussion on the Governor's Address. It is a 10–40 a.m.